

CLAIMS

1. A package for transporting and storing fruit preferably table grapes which includes
- a) a container ;
 - 5 b) optionally a water absorbent material lining said container;
 - c) optionally, a plastic liner between the container walls and said absorbent material;
 - 10 d) disposed adjacent the fruit, a film pad or block of a polymer blend containing a moisture activated antifungal agent wherein the polymer includes at least one polymer having a water transmission rate substantially different to that of at least one other polymer of said blend.
- 2) A block, pad or film of a polymer blend which contains at least one polymer having a substantially different water transmission rate to at least one other polymer in the blend and there being dispersed through the polymer blend an antifungal agent activated by the presence of moisture.
- 15 3) A block pad or film as claimed in claim 2 wherein the polymers in the blend are chosen on the basis of sulfur dioxide transmission rates which are above the concentration which inhibits fungal growth but below 5ppm.
- 20 4) A liner film for use in packaging table grapes said film including a major portion of an ethylene /vinyl alcohol copolymer, a minor portion of a low density polyethylene and an effective amount of an antifungal agent preferably from 10 to 30% of sodium metabisulfite.
- 25 5) A packaging film as claimed in claim 4 which is one layer of a multi layer film.

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